Scheme for foreign nationals in National Institutes

768. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a scheme to assist foreign nationals to study in our best National institutes;

(b) if so, the details of the "Direct Admission of Students Abroad" (DASA);

(c) the ways in which Government propose to use DASA to help NRI and others;

(d) the details of safeguards instituted in the implementation of DASA; and

(e) whether DASA is prone to be misused?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The Government of India is implementing a scheme called Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) under which Direct Admission to Foreign Nationals/Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) studying in any Country (including India) or Indian Nationals studying abroad is given to undertake engineering programmes offered by Centrally funded institutions (other than IITs). The Candidate must have secured at least 60% aggregate marks in all the subjects of qualifying examination. Other requirements such as, Age and Academic Qualification etc. are similar to the admission of Indian Nationals studying in India. The information regarding admission to various Under-graduate Programmes are widely disseminated through Indian Missions/Embassies and other means of publicity.

(d) to (e) While admitting the students under the scheme, eligibility criteria are being strictly followed, on the basis of the documents submitted by the candidates. No instance of its misuse has come to the notice since introduction of the scheme in 2001.

Irregularities in private schools

769. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to constitute an Authority to check irregularities in the private schools;

(b) if so, the time by which the said authority is likely to start functioning alongwith its powers and jurisdiction;

(c) whether Government have formulated any policy for implementing uniform curriculum in private and Government educational institutions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Private and Government schools are affiliated either with a State Board or with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). Both private and government schools affiliated with the CBSE, follows a uniform curriculum prescribed by the National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT).

Schemes for Development of Languages

770. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes in force for the development of languages recognised under the Eighth Schedule;

(b) the details of each of the schemes;

(c) whether any of the schemes is in force in the State of Goa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Names of the schemes being implemented by various organizations under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Secondary & Higher Education, for development of languages recognized under the Eighth schedule of the Constitution are given in the enclosed Statement.

(b) These schemes are for the development of languages of the Eighth schedule, through activities such as teaching, research and training, material production, publishing of books and Journals, organizing various National and International symposia, seminars, and workshops